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[EPA comments on Jan 2017 Reference Work Plan_02.16.17.pdf](#)
[EPA Acceptance April 2017 Reference Work PlanRevision1_07.27.17.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Brown,

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Atlantic Richfield's April 20, 2017 Final Reference Area Work Plan, Revision No. 1, Leviathan Mine Site, Alpine County, California.

This work was submitted to EPA pursuant to Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Leviathan Mine, Alpine County, California (CERCLA Docket No. 2008-

18, June 23, 2008).

EPA has completed its review of this document, finds that the ARC responses EPA comments are adequate, and approves this document with the following comments to be incorporated.

- EPA understands that the requested reconnaissance mapping planned for the area above the Leviathan Mine Site will be completed this season. Please ensure that the stream reaches identified are sampled; and the data collected is fully considered in the draft Remedial Investigation.
- EPA has reviewed the Reference Area calculation of Reference Threshold Values

(RTVs). EPA does not support the use of the upper simultaneous limit (USL) statistic to represent the Reference Threshold Value (RTV). The USL is the upper boundary of the largest value calculated so that all observations in a dataset are less than or equal to the USL, which means RTVs would be higher than the maximum value of a data set. Also, note that The Pro UCL manual referenced is a useful source of information on how to use the software, and technical explanations of statistical tests, but should not be considered EPA policy or guidance. Please utilize the 95th percentile or 95% Upper Tolerance Limit (UTL) using the appropriate method based on the data distribution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 947-4183 or Deschambault.lynda@epa.gov.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Leviathan Mine Site - Response to Comments and Final Reference Area Focused
Remedial Investigation Work Plan Revision No. 1

Lynda,

On behalf of Atlantic Richfield, Amec Foster Wheeler is submitting:1) response to
comments provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regarding
the Final Reference Area Work Plan dated January 19, 2017, and 2) the Final
Reference Area Focused Remedial Investigation Work Plan, Revision 1, Leviathan Mine
Site, Alpine County, California.

This document has been loaded to the Leviathan Mine SharePoint. Because of the
extensive size of the appendices, we cannot create a single pdf of the document.
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comments, text, tables, and figures. Each appendix is provided in a separate folder.

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Appendix D - Pit Eval	Appendix D - Pit Eval
Appendix E - SAP	Appendix E - SAP

If you have any questions or comments please contact Tony Brown at (657) 529-4537 or anthony.brown@bp.com.

Thanks,

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